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SUBJ: PROPOSED SEMINAR OF NATO SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE IN BERLIN

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BEGIN SUMMARY: OUR CHECKING HERE SUGGESTS IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO AVOID SOME PUBLIC IDENTIFICATION OF PROPOSED SEMINAR WITH NATO. WE THUS SUGGEST DEPARTMENT TAKE ACCOUNT OF POSSIBILITY SOVIETS MAY LEARN OF AND PROTEST NATO ROLE IN SEMINAR, AND SUGGEST MEETING BE HELD ELSEWHERE. IF BONN GROUP DECIDES TO PROCEED, WE BELIEVE ALLIES HERE SHOULD BE INFORMED OF DECISION. END SUMMARY.

1. MISSION HAS CHECKED WITH NATO SCIENCE DIVISION REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL

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STATUS OF GRANT FOR PROPOSED NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE-SPONSORED ADVANCED STUDY INSTITUTE (ASI) IN FIELD OF MATHEMATICS TO BE HELD IN BERLIN ON JULY 4-17, 1976, AND HOSTED BY MATHEMATICS INSTITUTE OF FREE UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN. SCIENCE DIVISION

INFORMED US THAT GRANT IS STILL ONLY UNDER CONSIDERATION BY ASI ADVISORY PANEL AND WILL NOT COME UP FOR DECISION UNTIL PANEL HOLDS ITS NEXT MEETING ON DECEMBER 4, 1975. (ASI PANEL IS COMMITTEE OF ALLIED SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED ON ROTATIONAL BASIS BY SCIENCE COMMITTEE, WHICH REVIEWS ASI PROPOSALS AS RECEIVED BY SCIENCE DIVISION AND MAKES ACTUAL FUNDING AWARDS).

2. SCIENCE DIVISION PERSONNEL FULLY RECOGNIZE SPECIAL SITUATION OF BERLIN; THEY AND THE ASI PANEL MEMBERS, AS WELL AS THE PROFESSOR IN BERLIN WHO IS ORGANIZER OF PROPOSED SEMINAR, ALSO KNOW THAT FRG HAS SOUGHT VIEWS OF FELLOW MEMBERS OF BONN GROUP AS TO ANY POSSIBLE POLITICAL RESERVATIONS ON THEIR PART REGARDING NATO FUNDING IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE. SCIENCE DIVISION TOLD US THAT FRG AND UK NATO DELS HAVE CONTACTED THEM FOR BACKGROUND ON PROPOSAL, IN ADDITION OUR OWN QUERY HERE.

3. SCIENCE DIVISION PERSONNEL DO NOT KNOW OF ANY PREVIOUS INSTANCE OF NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE SPONSORED (OR FUNDED) EVENTS OF THIS KIND IN BERLIN. THEY AND, WE UNDERSTAND, THE ASI PANEL MEMBERS ARE AWARE OF THE SPECIAL CHARACTER OF PRESENT PROPOSAL AND THEY AWAIT OUTCOME OF BONN GROUP DELIBERATIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER.

4. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT A GREEN LIGHT FROM BONN GROUP STILL WOULD NOT ENSURE THAT PROPOSED SEMINAR WOULD RECEIVE SCIENCE COMMITTEE FUNDING. THAT WOULD DEPEND, FINALLY, UPON SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL MERITS OF PROPOSAL IN EYES OF ASI PANEL. MOREOVER, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT PROPOSAL, HOWEVER PROMISING, WILL NOT GET MUCH FURTHER AT NATO IF BONN GROUP MEMBERS DO NOT AGREE THAT IT SHOULD.

5. IN LIGHT OF US ASSUMPTIONS ON NATO CONNECTION AS OUTLINED PARA 1, STATE 256787, BERLIN SEMINAR IF PROPOSED TO BE HELD ON BASIS OF NO OFFICIAL NATO SPONSORSHIP MIGHT WELL NOT QUALIFY UNDER USUAL SCIENCE COMMITTEE GROUND RULES AS EXPLAINED TO US HERE BY SCIENCE DIVISION OFFICIAL. SCIENCE DIVISION COULD READILY CONFIDENTIAL

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UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT OBVIOUS PRUDENCE OF HOLDING SUCH A MEETING IN BERLIN WITHOUT ANY CONSPICUOUS IDENTIFICATION OF EVENT WITH NATO; HOWEVER, THEY POINT OUT THAT THEY HAVE NORMALLY REQUIRED NATO-FUNDED EVENTS OF THIS NATURE TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES CLEARLY AS NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE ASI'S IN USUAL ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN APPROPRIATE SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS AND IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS. IF NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM FAILED TO RECEIVE EVEN THIS MINIMUM CREDIT, SCIENCE DIVISION WOULD QUESTION DEFENSIBILITY OF ITS PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM NATO BUDGET--HOWEVER WORTHWHILE THE ENTERPRISE MIGHT BE ON PURELY SCIENTIFIC GROUNDS. SCIENCE DIVISION ALSO POINTS OUT THAT DOCUMENTATION PRODUCED BY MANY OF THE ASI'S IS LATER PUBLISHED IN COMMERCIALY PRINTED SERIES

OF SCIENTIFIC VOLUMES CONTAINING PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATO ASI'S.

7. APART FROM THE FOREGOING, THERE ARE TWO ADDITIONAL ISSUES. FIRST, IF IT IS A FORMAL NATO-APPROVED MEETING, IT WOULD SEEM TO US THAT THE INVITATION MIGHT MORE APPROPRIATELY BE ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIED POWERS, RATHER THAN BY THE FREE UNIVERSITY OR THE FRG. SECOND, THE OTHER ALLIES SHOULD BE INFORMED, IF NOT CONSULTED, IN NAC/POLADS ON A FORMAL INVITATION FOR A NATO-SPONSORED MEETING TO BE HELD IN BERLIN BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF A SUBSEQUENT SOVIET COMPLAINT.

8. SINCE A NATO-SPONSORED MEETING HELD IN BERLIN COULD AROUSE SOVIET IRE, WE SEE MUCH MERIT IN NOT HOLDING THE MEETING IN BERLIN, BUT SCHEDULING IT ELSEWHERE, THOUGH THIS MAY NOT ACCORD WITH CURRENT VIEWS OF ORGANIZER.BRUCE

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